

handmaid or his bullock or his ass or anything that is your neighbor's"

This Commandment forbids a man to unlawfully and greedily desire what belongs to another. This is what we have become accustomed to speaking of as "coveting." The concept appears to be one in which we fix our mind on that which is not the will of God for us to have, and to reach out, extend our hands, and grasp for more than God wishes us to have.

(a) What is forbidden by this Commandment?

- [1] Discontentment with what we are and have
- [2] Envy of what others are and have
- [3] Grieving at the prosperity of others, bitterness, unhappiness at their position or possessions

(b) What is positively implied by this Commandment?

- [1] Contentment with what we are and have

Hebrews 13:5 -- "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

- [2] Rejoicing in what others are and have
- [3] Active seeking of the welfare, the best interests, the highest well-being of our neighbor.